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SUBJ: MALAYSIAN VIEWS ON CAMBODIAN UN ISSUE AND ON ASEAN

1. DURING DCM CONVERSATION ON CAMBODIAN UN ISSUE
AND ON ASEAN AT FOREIGN MINISTRY NOVEMBER 8 WITH UNDER
SECRETARY ALBERT TALALLA, FOLLOWING POINTS OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST EMERGED:

2. A. CAMBODIA/UN: TALALLA SAID GOM ENCOURAGED BY
RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT UN RE CHANCES FOR RETENTION OF
GKR SEAT. AFTER TANKING US FOR OUR SUPPORT HE NOTED
THAT FACTOR WHICH HAVING MOST BENEFICIAL INFLUENCE WAS
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UNANIMITY OF REGIONAL (READ ASEAN) POWERS. HE

SAID THAT AUSTRALIA HAD RELUCTANTLY DECIDED TO SUPPORT FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND HAD MADE DECISION SOLELY BECAUSE REGIONAL POWERS WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR POSITION. HE BELIEVED THIS WAS ALSO CRITICAL FACTOR IN CANADIAN DECISION TO SUPPORT.

B. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ALL OF ABOVE INTERSPERSED WITH WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR OUR EFFORTS, TALALLA'S REAL MESSAGE SEEMED TO BE: STAY IN BACKGROUND. WE ARE HANDLING AND KEY TO SUCCESS IS PERCEPTION BY OTHER POWERS THAT REGIONAL COUNTRIES IN AGREEMENT AND TAKING INITIATIVE.

3. ASEAN: TALALLA, WHO IS RESIDENT PHILOSOPHER FOR ASEAN AND RESPONSIBLE IN FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR ZONE OF PEACE DESCRIBED IN SOME DETAIL EFFORTS BY MEMBER COUNTRIES TO DEVELOP STATEMENT OF ZONE OF PEACE OBJECTIVES ULTIMATELY WORKING TOWARD COMPREHENSIVE DECLARATION WHICH WOULD INCLUDE PROVISION FOR WHAT MEMBER COUNTRIES DO WHEN ZONE OF PEACE VIOLATED. HE EXPECTED THIS TO BE FAIRLY LONG PROCESS BUT SAID A PERMANENT COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS OF ASEAN COUNTRIES (GOM REPRESENTED BY FONMIN SEC GEN ZAITON) MAKING CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS AND THAT BY JANUARY MEETING HE HOPED FOR PRELIMINARY DOCUMENT CONTAINING 14 POINTS. IMMEDIATE NEED IN HIS VIEW WAS TO FIND AGREEMENT ON OBJECTIVES. HE BELIEVED THIS EXERCISE HAD ALREADY PAID DIVIDENDS BY INCREASING COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FIVE MEMBER NATIONS. ("WE USED TO GET LOST IN SEMANTICS.")

4. ASEAN & RUSSIANS: DCM NOTED THAT RUSSIANS HAD RECENTLY ATTEMPTED BOTH TO ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH ZONE OF PEACE AND ALSO TO SUGGEST THAT SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS AND PARTICULARLY MALAYSIANS WERE SUPPORTING RUSSIAN CONCEPT OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM FOR ALL OF ASIA. (THIS WAS REFERENCE TO FBIS BANGKOK 291037Z OCT 74 WHICH EMBASSY HAD SENT TO TALALLA.) TALALLA REPLIED THAT WHILE GOM DID NOT WISH TO PICK FIGHT WITH SOVIETS, SOVIET ASSERTIONS WERE SIMPLY UNTRUE. GOM AND OTHER ASEAN NATIONS NOT RPT NOT REALLY OPPOSED TO SOVIET IDEA BUT HAD NO WISH AT THIS TIME TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH IT. FURTHERMORE IT IMPORTANT THAT RUSSIANS BE PREVENTED FROM ALIGNING THEMSELVES IN PEOPLE'S MINDS
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WITH ZONE OF PEACE BECAUSE THAT WOULD SIMPLY PUT OFF OTHER POWERS (HE MENTIONED CHINA BUT NOT U.S.) WHO WOULD BE SUSPICIOUS OF CONCEPT IF IT INCLUDED SOVIET UNION. DCM ASKED WHAT GOM WOULD DO. TALALLA SAID GOM WOULD NOT RPT NOT DIRECTLY CONTRADICT SOVIET ASSERTION BUT IS CONSIDERING PLANTING A QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT RE RUSSIAN STATEMENT WHICH WOULD BE ANSWERED BY EXPOSITION OF GOM ATTITUDE: TIME NOT RIGHT FOR ANY BIG POWER

ASSOCIATION WITH CONCEPT: COUNTRIES OF REGION BELIEVE SUCH
CONCEPT MUST START OUT SMALL AND GROW ORGANICALLY.
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